under implementation. Proposals for conservation of the remaining identified lakes and lakes other than these are also considered as and when received, based on their merit and availability of funds. There is no intimation of any misuse of funds under NLCP.

The Government has also constituted a National Committee on Wetlands which has inventorised 2167 natural fresh water wetlands. The Government of India is giving 100% assistance for 20 identified areas under National Wetland Conservation Programme for activities like protection, catchment area treatment, pollution control, siltation control, biodiversity conservation, sustainable resource utilization, fisheries development, public awareness and participation, monitoring, evaluation and research.

(d) Public awareness and public participation are included under the conservation plans for lakes and rivers.

Express train between Nandyal and Secunderabad

* 397. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the metre gauge express trains running between Nandyal and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh, were withdrawn after conversion of the track into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the reasons for not introducing direct express train from Nandyal to Secunderabad, after the conversion; and

(c) the action taken to help passengers of the area, suffering in the absence of any direct train?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Prior to gauge conversion a train consisting of sixteen coaches including five coaches meant for Nandyal used to be hauled by 7505/7506 Secundcrabad-Dharmavaram (M.G.) Express upto Dronachellam. From Dronachcllam these five coaches used to run as a separate train between Dronachcllam and Nandyal as 7503/7504 link Express.

(b) and (c) At present, a direct day time passenger train from Secunderabad to Guntur *via* Dronachcllam-Nandyal *viz.* 523/524

Secunderabad-Guntur-Kachcguda Passenger is available. Introduction of an additional train including an express train has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints and lack of commercial justification.

Power generation facilities at FCI, Ramagundam

* 398. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND,FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers from Andhra Pradesh Government to provide suitable technical consultancy, to prepare a detailed tcchno-economic study with regard to utilization of facilities available at Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), Ramagundam, for power generation;

(b) if so, when such request was received;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (APGENCO) is ready to assist the technical consultants appointed by the Government of India; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in appointing the technical consultants?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Request was received in February, 2002.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Appellate Authority for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has recently dismissed FCI's appeal against the decision of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction to forward its opinion of winding up FCI to the High Court. It is not prudent to undertake any study at this juncture.